



## **Vision 2020 Standing Committee Meeting Minutes**

February 8, 2016

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex, First Floor Conference Room

Present: Juli Brazile, Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Sue Doctrow, Amy Goldstein, Annie LaCourt

Absent: Scott Lever, Nat Strosberg, Jen Toole

### 1 & 2. Welcome, Agenda review, & Approval of Meeting Minutes

The agenda was reviewed and the minutes of the January 11, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved with one minor correction.

### 3. Debrief, Advisory Board meeting

The committee debriefed on the February 1<sup>st</sup> joint meeting with the Advisory Committee, which focused on network mapping of Vision 2020's role with respect to Town Goals, Task Groups, Community Groups and Town Departments. The mapping exercise illustrated the Town's evolution since the Goals were set a quarter century ago, highlighting the areas of divergent and overlapping interest. Having created a rough draft of the network map, the next step is input from Task Groups.

Standing Committee members agreed to talk with various Task Groups about each group's thoughts on how they relate to Vision 2020's organizational structure using an outline developed by Juli and Annie for initiating these discussions. Eventually, we will invite all the task groups leaders together to talk more about Vision 2020's organization and ideas for expanding the network mapping process and revising the town goals.

Methods of community outreach for encouraging residents to learn about and participate in Vision 2020 were also discussed. These included Arlington Community Media, Inc. (ACMI) videos, Town debates and Precinct Meetings.

### 4. Task Group updates

Arlington Public Art is exploring funding options for a Public Art Coordinator, has announced that "Compassionate Community" will be the theme for 2017's Youth Banners, and will participate in the upcoming Arts & Culture action plan meeting.

The Diversity Task Group is co-sponsoring an Arlington Reads Together event on March 4th, and is continuing to partner with True Story Theater on Bystander Intervention events. The Task Group is currently without a Chair.

The Education Task Group has scheduled its third Community Dialogue on Education event for March 9th: a showcase of classrooms and curricula in partnership with the school department.

The Fiscal Resources Task Group is planning a series of informational articles intended to explain Town finances and organization to be published in the Arlington Advocate.

The Reservoir Committee is working with the Park & Recreation Commission on a Master Plan for the Reservoir area.

The Spy Pond Committee is monitoring the water quality after the Phragmites, Milfoil and filamentous algae treatment last fall and is planning to distribute flyers again this year to the neighbors about the dangers of pesticide run-off into the pond.

Sustainable Arlington plans to Explore New Economy concepts and environmental goals at a public forum and is working with Robbins Library on Sustainable Tools as part of Library of Things project.

Elisabeth reported that the Open Space Committee had discussed engaging Arlington Public Art to paint utility boxes at Magnolia Park as part of the new park design.

#### 5. Survey 2017

Juli reported that she has been picking up the surveys as they arrive at Town Hall and has been in frequent contact with the software techs to work out the finer details of the scanning and screening procedures. A schedule will soon be established to begin processing the surveys.

Juli reported that she was contacted about not all of the Vision 2020 Surveys being available online. Elisabeth and Juli agreed to work with the Public Information Officer to index the surveys and make more of them available online.

#### 6. New Business

Juli reported progress on compiling a manual for Vision 2020 members, and requested help with reviewing and completing it.

Juli reported that she and Gordon Jamieson had resigned as Co-Chairs of the Recycling Committee.

Submitted by  
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